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PROF. H. L. DAVIDSON.

It always affords us pleasure to boost a good man and roast a bad man.

Prof. H. L. Davidson, as he is known to the people of Hayti, who closed his school last week, thus ending 17 months teaching in our schools, has decided to give up the profession of teaching and enter that of dentistry.

We regret more than we can express the failure of the school board and the patrons and pupils to prevail on him to accept the principalship of our school.

Prof. Davidson has proven himself a most efficient teacher, and has taught two of the most successful schools for us that have ever been taught in our school building. While strict in discipline, he is kind and courteous to his pupils, and took much extra laborious work upon himself that his school might prosper thereby.

He has presented no less than 28 gold and silver medals and trophies to the pupils of the school, and the extra effort and success gained from the winners thereof is no doubt beyond calculation.

He early gained the love and respect of pupils and patrons, and today enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

As a testament of their regards, when school was finished his pupils presented him with a handsome fob chain.

Prof. Davidson has sacrificed two years of his dental profession for our school, and after spending the summer in the interest of the Improved Order of Red Men as organizer of Tribes, he will enter the Washington University at St. Louis, where he will finish his dental education.

We are glad to be able to state that Prof. Davidson will continue to hold his residence in Hayti and will likely purchase property. Owing to his itinerant work, he will make Hayti his headquarters this summer and will move his family here at the end of the term at the University.

Confidentially, Prof. Davidson is a

THE CLOSING OF SCHOOL

After a most successful term of nine months, the last week of which was the most interesting of all, Prof. Davidson's school came to a close last Friday, with a 91% attendance on the last day. The grade work continued down to the close, and resulted in a 95% scholarship for the entire room.

The pupils served dinner on the grounds, and a most enjoyable hour was spent around the bountiful spread. The pupils surprised their teacher by presenting him with a most beautiful present, a gold watch-fob, as a token of love and esteem. The year's work was fully reviewed, and the honors and medals were awarded, and promotion certificates distributed.

Altogether, it was the most interesting and pleasurable last day of school that Room 5 ever experienced.

The following are the winners of the various medals and pins, there being many close contests for the various honors:

School standing, Irene Rayback, gold medal, also Letter's prize, "The American Girl."

Scholarship, Wm. Lambdin, gold medal.

Composition, 1st, Anna Dunklin, gold medal.

Composition, 2nd, Mamye Welker, silver medal.

Attendance, Morie Williams, silver medal.

Drawing, Blanch Underhill, gold medal.

Improvement, Roy Ferrill, silver medal.

Methodist and a Republican, which may be explained when we say he keeps out of deep water and came from Indiana.

He is a man of considerable experience, having had several years travel in 28 states. He is an attorney-at-law in Indiana, and a Mason, Redman, Modern Woodman, A. O. W. M. and D. of P.

Our city is the gainer by Prof. Davidson's citizenship.

STEELE VS. HAYTI.

Last Sunday the Steele base ball team came up to Hayti, bent on blood and gore galore—they were delegated particularly and exclusively to carry away the scalp of the Hayti team, but by some process not yet made wholly clear, Steele left a large and healthy hirsute adornment on the Hayti totem pole. In plain English, Steele lost to Hayti by a score one to eight, and Hayti isn't done playing yet.

These Hayti boys are lusty fellows and the way they swatted the ball was good to look at, and they weren't no slouches gathering in the rawhide sphere when it came in running distance, either. However, Steele got one score on errors, and took their defeat good naturedly.

Steele's lone score came on the 7th, with two clean hits. It looked as though Steele would score several times, but the fast work of the Hayti team cut them off.

Judge J. S. Gossom came out from Caruthersville Friday to try Tom Smith on the charge of petit larceny, who was charged with stealing a small sum from R. E. Elliston while working in his pool room last January. He entered a plea of guilty, and was fined \$10. In process of court, a gambling charge was developed against Smith, to which he also entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$25.

Declamation, Byron Bryant, gold medal.

Department, Hugh Harbert, silver medal.

Reading, Blair Buckley, gold pin.

History, Harvey Dorris, silver pin.

Arithmetic, May Popham, silver pin.

Physiology, Byron Bryant, silver pin.

Grammar, Bonnie Hart, silver pin.

Geography, Robt. Dowdy, silver pin.

Spelling, Jessie Morris, silver pin.

Writing, Ethel Percins, silver pin.

Honest effort and application, Willie Cagle, silver pin.

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